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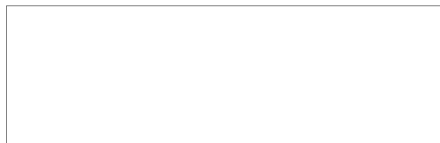
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ABSTRACT

1. This report summarizes the major air developments in the Peking Military Region (PMR) [redacted] A table lists all of the airfields in the PMR, the aircraft count at each airfield on the latest coverage, and units occupying the airfields. The report also contains a location map and three photographs.

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INTRODUCTION

2. [redacted] several important developments were observed at airfields in the PMR (Figure 1 and Table 1). Significant changes in aircraft order-of-battle (AOB) were noted at seven airfields, new construction activity was observed at three airfields, and surface-to-air missile-(SAM) and cruise-missile-related activity was evidenced at three airfields.

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BASIC DESCRIPTION

Aircraft Deployments

3. Three FARMER and three FRESCO were observed at Ta-tung/Ching-shui-ho Airfield (item 9, Figure 1 and Table 1) in June 1974, which was the first observation of fighters at this field since 1966. The fighters were not present on subsequent coverage in October 1974, indicating that they were probably either in transit or temporarily assigned to the airbase.

4. Elements of a fighter/bomber regiment of FANTAN A were observed at Ling-chiu Airfield (item 10) for the first time in November 1974. The FANTAN A aircraft were present [redacted] and are probably permanently assigned here. The field now houses one fighter and one fighter/bomber regiment.

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5. Six FISHBED were identified at Chang-chia-kou Airfield Southeast (item 11) in November 1974. This was the first time since March 1973 that FISHBED have been sighted there. A corresponding decrease in FISHBED was noted at Yung-ning Airfield (item 15), where a small detachment of eight FISHBED had been stationed. A regiment of FARMER aircraft was also sighted at Chang-chia-kou in November 1974. Twenty-two FARMER were present on 1 November 1974. This is the highest count of FARMER observed here since October 1973, when two FARMER were sighted.

6. Two FISHBED were observed at Tung-hsien-chung Airfield (item 24) for the first time [redacted] This sighting of FISHBED corresponds in time to the probable redeployment of the six FISHBED from Yung-ning to Chang-chia-kou Southeast and may be related. [redacted] the two FISHBED were absent. [redacted] the number of FARMER aircraft at Tung-hsien-chuang had decreased to 49 from a previous high of 65 [redacted]

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7. Between August and November 1974, shortly after the FISHBED detachment had left Yung-ning Airfield, a regiment of FARMER was deployed to Yung-ning. A total of 26 FARMER were observed there for the first time [redacted]

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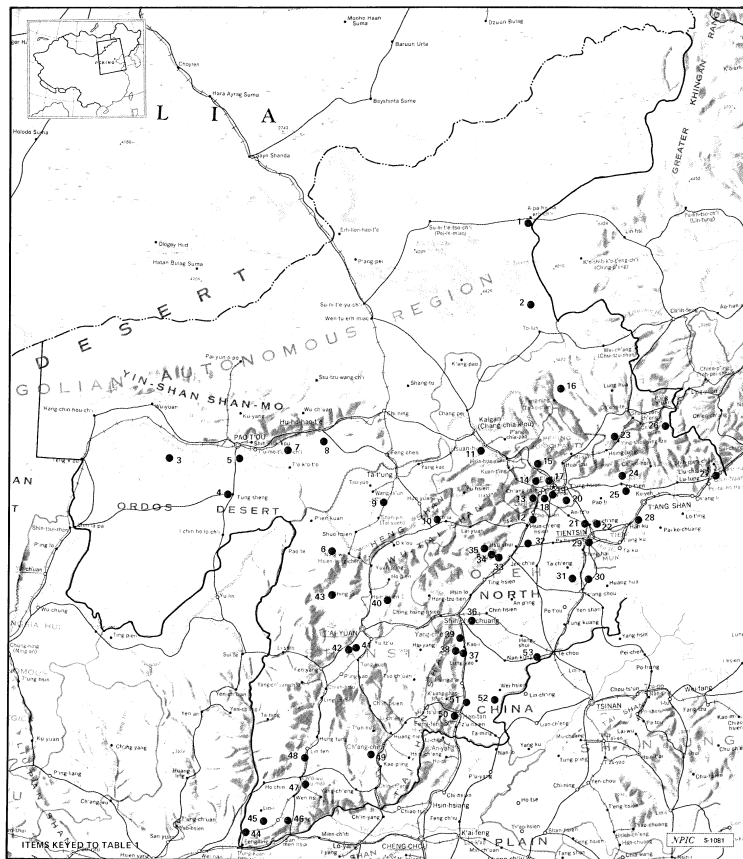
8. Since the initial delivery of Soviet CURL (AN-26) aircraft to China in mid-1974, the CURL has been sighted at three airfields in the PMR. Two CURL were seen at Pi-ko-chi Airfield (item 7) in late October 1974 and three CURL were seen at Liang-hsiang Airfield (item 13) in November. The three CURL at Liang-hsiang have been observed regularly and are probably assigned there with two COKE (AN-24). The bort numbers on the wings of the CURL have been identified as 744, 745, and probably 748. One CURL was identified in November 1974 at Pei-ching Airfield Capital (item 17), where new aircraft from foreign manufacturers are usually delivered. This aircraft has been observed in the aircraft maintenance area at this field since its initial sighting.

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Table 1. Activity at Airfields in Peking Military Region, China
(Item Nos. listed to Figure 1)

Item No.	Installation Name, BE, & Coordinates	Runway Length, & Width (ft), Orientation, & Surface	Latest AOB & Photography	Units	Remarks	
1	Hsi-lin-hao-te Airfield 43-55-40N 115-04-40E	4,625 x 330 NE/SW, graded earth 3,670 x 210, NW/SE, graded earth 3,280 x 210, NW/SE, graded earth	1 CRATE May 74	None	Transport-commercial field	25X1 25X1
2	No-nai-l-miao Airfield 45-40-00N 115-50-00E	1,960 x 170, E/W, sod	None discernible Nov 74	None	Transport-commercial field	25X1 25X1
3	Wuchai-chai Airfield 40-36-47N 108-59-38E	7,900 x 175, E/W, concrete	17 FAGOT/FRESCO Oct 74	1 fighter regiment		25X1 25X1
4	Tung-sheng Airfield 39-50-00N 109-58-30E	2,000 x 210, NE/SW, sod	None discernible Oct 74	None	Transport-commercial field	25X1 25X1
5	Pao-tou Airfield 40-33-50N 110-00-18E	4,280 x 130, SE/NW, concrete	None discernible Oct 74	None	Transport-commercial field	25X1 25X1
6	Wei-chai Airfield North 39-03-31N 111-44-57E	8,940 x 155, NW/SE, concrete	24 FAGOT 8 FRESCO May 75	2 fighter regiments	Probable training field	25X1
7	Pi-ko-chi Airfield 40-44-12N 111-13-45E	7,960 x 160, E/W, concrete	27 FARMER 8 FAGOT/FRESCO 2 CURL Oct 74	1 fighter regiment	CURL first observed in [redacted]	25X1 25X1 25X1
8	Hu-ho-hao-te Airfield 40-50-56N 111-49-25E	4,580 x 210, ENE/WSW, concrete	2 COLT Oct 74	None	Transport-commercial field	25X1 25X1
9	Tai-tung/Ching-shui-ho Airfield 39-43-05N 113-08-38E	10,490 x 210, NE/SW, concrete	18 BADGER 21 BEAGLE 3 COLT Oct 74	2 bomber regiments	Three FARMER and three FRESCO were observed in [redacted]. These were the first fighters observed here since 1966.	25X1
10	Ling-chiu Airfield 39-24-11N 114-09-51E	7,880 x 165, E/W, concrete	18 prob FANTAN A 1 prob FANTAN A 24 prob FAGOT/FRESCO Nov 74	1 fighter regiment, 1 fighter/bomber regiment	FANTAN A were first observed here in Nov [redacted]	25X1 25X1
11	Chang-shia-kou Airfield SE 40-44-21N 115-55-42E	7,590 x 160, ESE/WW, concrete	6 FISHBED 22 FARMER 28 FRESCO 1 CRATE Nov 74	2 fighter regiments, 1 FISHBED detachment	First identification of [redacted] and largest number of FARMER seen at this field.	25X1 25X1 25X1
12	Cho-hai Airfield 39-27-24N 115-59-59E	6,680 x 4,270, omnidirectional, sod	2 FAGOT/FRESCO 1 FAGOT 2 COKE 21 MAX/MOOSE 24 HOUND Nov 74	1 training unit	Probable training field. High count of 28 HOUND observed here in [redacted]	25X1 25X1
13	Liang-hsing Airfield 39-45-14N 115-07-31E	6,960 x 165, NNE/SSW, concrete	3 CURL 2 COKE Max 75	1 transport unit	Transport field. First CURL observed here in [redacted]. First Super Friton observed here in [redacted]. The 4-8 FISHBED usually seen here have probably been redeployed.	25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1
14	Pei-ching/Shia-to-chien Airfield 40-08-56N 115-19-25E	6,510 x 200, NW/SE, concrete	1 COCKPOT 2 CAB 8 HIP-C 18 HOUND Nov 74	1 transport unit	Transport field	25X1
15	Yung-ning Airfield 40-30-04N 115-06-25E	[redacted] NE/SW, concrete	26 FARMER 6 FAGOT/FRESCO Nov 74	1 fighter regiment	Twenty-six FARMER observed here for the first time. [redacted] The 4-8 FISHBED usually seen here have probably been redeployed.	25X1 25X1 25X1
16	Fang-ning Probable Airfield 41-14-50N 115-38-20E	None discernible Nov 74	None discernible Nov 74		No runway construction noted since airfield first identified.	25X1 25X1

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Table 1. (Continued)

Item No	Installation Name, BE, & Coordinates	Runway Length, & Width (ft), Orientation, & Surface	Latest AOB & Photography	Units	Remarks	Item No	Installation Name, BE, & Coordinates	Runway Length, & Width (ft), Orientation, & Surface	Latest AOB & Photography	Units	Remarks
17	Pei-ching Airfield Capital 40-04-24N 116-35-43E	10,900 x 250, N/S, concrete	4 CLASSIC 7 Boeing 707 2 Trident 5 COOT 1 Viscount 1 OURL 3 COKE 6 CRATE 1 CAB Jan 75	1 transport unit	Transport/cargo, terminal/interior field. One CRATE and four HIPC first identified here in Nov. A new runway is under construction parallel to the main runway. The initial grading was 11,785 by 775.	35	Tung-shan Airfield 39-08-52N 115-17-14E	7,250 x 165, NE/SW, concrete	34 FAGOT/FRESCO 31 FARMER 3 COLT Nov 74	2 fighter regiments	
18	Pei-ching/Hsi-chiao Airfield 39-57-26N 116-15-22E	6,800 x 165, N/S, concrete	5 Trident 6 COOT 3 COKE 2 CRATE Nov 74	1 transport unit	Transport-cargo, terminal field.	36	Kao-cheng Airfield 37-59-31N 114-45-14E	6,400 x 6,000, omnidirectional, sod	44 MAX/MOOSE Nov 74	1 training unit	Probable training field
19	Pei-ching/Nan-yuan Airfield 39-46-52N 116-23-10E	N/S, concrete	15 COKE 8 CRATE Jul 74	1 transport unit	Supports guided missile development center. Runway is being extended and new parking aprons added.	37	Yuan-shih Airfield 37-46-37N 114-34-09E	6,600 in diameter, omnidirectional, sod	52 MAX/MOOSE Nov 74	1 training unit	Probable training field
20	Pei-ching/Tung-hsien Airfield 39-48-37N 116-42-21E	7,240 x 205, N/S, concrete	2 CAB 25 COLT 19 HOUND Nov 74	1 transport unit	Transport field	38	Kao-J Airfield 37-31-49N 114-36-33E	6,500 x 4,725, omnidirectional, sod	17 MAX/MOOSE 18 MAX/MOOSE fuelages Nov 74	1 training unit	Probable training field
21	Wu-ching Airfield 39-22-21N 117-05-26E	NW/SSW, concrete	29 FARMER 21 FAGOT/FRESCO Nov 74	2 fighter regiments		39	Shih-chia-chuang/Ta-kuo-tsun Airfield 38-04-50N 114-24-52E	8,260 x 230, NW/SE, concrete	40 FAGOT/FRESCO 3 COLT Nov 74	2 fighter regiments	Probable training field. A four-position CSA-1 site was field deployed at this field. [land was abandoned by]
22	Wu-ching East Highway Strip 39-22-05N 117-09-40E	8,095 x 75, ESE/WW, graded earth	None discernible Nov 74	None	Transport-commercial field	40	Han-hsien Airfield 38-35-55N 112-58-06E	8,245 x 160, ENE/WSW, concrete	18 BEAGLE Oct 74	1 bomber regiment	
23	Cheng-te Airfield 40-57-00N 117-57-23E	N/S, macadam	None discernible Aug 74	None	Transport-commercial field. One CSA-1 missile transporter was near north end of runway in	41	Tai-yuan/Wu-su Airfield 37-45-06N 112-37-19E	NW/SE, concrete	4 CAB 5 CRATE 1 HIPC Oct 74	1 transport unit	Transport field
24	Tung-shien-chuang Airfield 40-05-51N 117-53-12E	7,395 x 155, NE/SW, concrete	52 FARMER 8 FAGOT/FRESCO 4 COLT 1 CAB Jan 75	2 fighter regiments	First identification of FISHBED at this field	42	Tai-yuan/Chin-hsien Airfield 37-49-40N 112-33-34E	4,900 x 200, N/S, concrete	None discernible Oct 74	1 training unit	Probable training field. Usual AOB consists of 2 BEAGLE, 2 BAT, & 9 FAGOT/FRESCO.
25	Tung-shan Airfield NW 39-39-16N 116-08-12E	NW/SE, concrete	3 BEAGLE 20 FARMER 23 FAGOT/FRESCO Nov 74	2 fighter regiments		43	Wei-shai Airfield 37-24-26N 111-57-56E	ENE/WSW, concrete	None discernible Mar 75	25X1	This field has not yet been occupied. The aircraft storage tunnels are large enough to accommodate BADGER.
26	Ping-chuan Airfield 40-54-01N 118-41-25E	NE/SW, concrete	None discernible Jun 74	1 bomber regiment	Under construction	44	Yun-shi Airfield 34-52-19N 110-21-49E	7,860 x 155, ENE/WSW, concrete	11 FRESCO 32 FAGOT 2 CAB Oct 74	2 fighter regiments	
27	Huang-to-chuang Airfield 39-58-04N 119-43-51E	2,100 x 230, NNW/SSW, sod	None discernible Nov 74	None	Transport-commercial field	45	Yun-cheng Airfield NW 35-03-09N 110-56-30E	ESE/WW, concrete	57 MAX/MOOSE Oct 74	1 training unit	Training field
28	Tian-ching/Chang-kui-chuang Airfield 39-07-08N 117-20-49E	NW/SSW, concrete	None discernible Nov 74	None	Under construction since Jun 74.	46	An-I Airfield 35-07-20N 111-02-10E	4,955 x 235, NW/SE, graded earth	None discernible Oct 74	1 training unit	Training field. Usual AOB is 18 MAX/MOOSE.
29	Tan-kuan-tun Airfield 38-46-49N 117-03-57E	NW/SE, concrete	44 FAGOT/FRESCO Nov 74	2 fighter regiments	Probable training field	47	Chi-mo Airfield 35-09-42N 111-34-48E	5,850 in diameter omnidirectional, sod	61 MAX/MOOSE Oct 74	1 training unit	Training field
30	Tung-shan Airfield 38-24-09N 116-55-42E	8,530 x 260, NNW/SSW, concrete	31 FARMER 21 FAGOT/FRESCO 1 COLT Nov 74	2 fighter regiments	Probable training field	48	Lin-fen Airfield 36-07-32N 111-29-37E	8,270 x 230, NNE/SSW, concrete	62 FAGOT 2 CAB 1 COLT 4 MAX/MOOSE Oct 74	2 fighter regiments	
31	Tung-shan Airfield 38-24-09N 116-55-42E	8,530 x 260, NNW/SSW, concrete	31 FARMER 21 FAGOT/FRESCO 1 COLT Nov 74	2 fighter regiments	Probable training field	49	Chang-chih Airfield 36-14-48N 113-07-48E	N/S, concrete	8 CAB 25 COLT Apr 75	1 training unit	Transport field
32	Tung-shan Airfield 39-15-13N 115-49-58E	8,280 x 245, NE/SW, concrete	67 FAGOT/FRESCO Nov 74	2 fighter regiments		50	Han-tan Helipad 36-31-23N 114-25-31E	1,085 x 175, N/S, sod	7 HIPC 11 HOUND 2 prop HOUND Nov 74	1 transport unit	Transport field
33	Pao-tung Airfield 38-49-54N 115-31-18E	6,200 x 4,475, omnidirectional, sod	1 FAGOT/FRESCO 2 COLT 24 MAX/MOOSE Mar 75	1 training unit	Probable training school	51	Shao-ho Airfield 36-52-53N 114-25-45E	NNW/SSW, concrete	5 BADGER 2 BEAGLE 2 MASCOOT Apr 75	2 bomber regiments	Only two BADGER were present in Aug
34	Pao-tung Airfield West 38-52-26N 115-19-45E	3,500 x 1,500, NE/SW, sod	None discernible May 75	None	Transport-commercial field	52	Chi-shan Airfield 36-49-10N 115-13-20E	2,800 x 115, NE/SW, graded earth	None discernible Nov 74	None	Transport-commercial field. Returned to agriculture.
						53	Ku-cheng Airfield 37-29-20N 116-06-51E	8,225 x 200, NE/SW, concrete	3 FISHBED 28 FARMER 18 FAGOT/FRESCO Nov 74	2 fighter regiments	

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9. A French Super Frelon helicopter was sighted at Liang-hsiang Airfield in January 1975. Only one Super Frelon is known to exist in China and it was sighted one other time at Ching-te-chen Airfield [] in southeast China in August 1974.

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Airfield Construction

10. New construction activity was noted at three airfields in the PMR during the reporting period. A new runway paralleling the existing main runway, but west of the support facilities, was under construction at Pei-ching Airfield Capital (Figure 2). The new runway was in the early stage of construction, with only the initial scarring under way. No end points were visible, but the scarring was approximately 11,765 by 775 feet*. Actual construction began after June 1974, although preparations for the supporting construction camps and rail spur were evident earlier. The airfield remains operational since the construction of the new runway does not interfere with existing facilities.

11. New construction was observed at Pei-ching/Nan-yuan Airfield (item 19; Figure 3), adjacent to the Pei-ching/Nan-yuan Guided Missile Airframe Plant []. The runway was being extended at the south end to approximately 10,590 by 200 feet*. New ladder-type parking aprons were also being added, and the existing runway was being resurfaced. When observed [] the transport aircraft usually stationed there had been removed and the runway was unserviceable. This construction activity was new since June 1974.

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12. Construction also was observed at Tien-ching/Chang-kuei-chuang Airfield (item 29; Figure 4). The runway was being extended at both ends to approximately 10,655 by 205 feet*. New end connecting links and taxiways were being added to the runway extensions, and the existing runway was being resurfaced. The runway was unserviceable and no aircraft were observed when the field was covered []. This construction began between November 1973 and June 1974.

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Missile Activity

13. A four-position field-deployed CSA-1 site was identified at Shih-chia-chuang/Ta-kuo-tsun Airfield (item 39) [] but was abandoned []. Also, one CSA-1 missile transporter was sighted near the north end of the runway at Cheng-te Airfield (item 23) in August 1974. The transporter was not present on later coverage.

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14. Cruise-missile equipment was identified at Liang-hsiang Airfield in November 1974. Six cruise-missile transporters and several other pieces of cruise-missile-associated equipment were sighted in November 1974, with a high count of 12 transporters seen in January 1975. The transporters and other equipment were not observed [].

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